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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/031,922 based on International Patent Application PCT/US00/20040 entitled "PRESERVED PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS" by Atef Gayed; Confirmation No.: 2807
Attorney Docket Number: MAR618/4-006(A)US/75000

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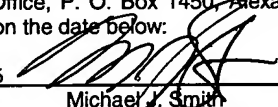
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Sir:

The present paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action of November 19, 2004 and is being filed within two months of the mailing of the Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 12.

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The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the remarks herein. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.